

Spirit has touched the hearts of the people of Zambia.”

“In a secondary sense,” Elder Mulambo continued, “the campaign here in Lusaka has brought a revival to the members of the Seventh-day Adventist Church. Thousands of members have also been attending along with the visitors and many have come forward night by night as calls were made to renew their commitment to Jesus Christ. James and Ty have also ministered to members in local churches, on a college campus, and one-on-one during their two-week stay in Zambia.”

Finally, Mulambo explained that these meetings have been a positive learning experience for pastors and evangelists. He stated, “James and Ty have offered a new approach to evangelism and we have seen that it works here in Zambia. They lift up Jesus Christ and make the cross the center of every presentation. Hearts are touched and transformed as they are drawn by the love of God. Then they surrender their lives to the Savior.”



On the morning of our departure, our last conversation with Elder Mulambo centered on his desire to duplicate this campaign and its three-fold blessing in every country under his care as the new Personal Ministries Director at the Southern Indian Ocean Division. We were as enthusiastic as our exhausted minds and bodies could be after two weeks of intensive ministry. We look for the Holy Spirit to open doors and empower us to follow.

Truly, our September trip to Zambia was one of the most enriching, educational and edifying experiences we have ever had in more than 25 years of ministry. The people manifested a spiritual hunger that was a great joy to behold and interact with.

Events Schedule

- **November 5-6**
ASI Southern Union Fall Conference,
Fletcher Academy, Fletcher, NC
James Rafferty • (404)299-1832
- **November 11-21**
Kibidula Farm Institute, Iringia, Tanzania
James Rafferty • www.kibidula.org
- **November 18-21**
Calhoun SDA Church, GA
Ty Gibson • (706)629-5470
- **December 11**
Cottage Grove SDA Church, OR
James Rafferty • (541)942-5213
- **December 18**
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James Rafferty • (541)942-5213
- **January 28–February 5**
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of our Lord Jesus Christ through the spoken and published word.*

MISSION UPDATE

The Newsletter of Light Bearers Ministry



How God Moves

By Ty Gibson

We here at Light Bearers Ministry (LBM) recently witnessed a genuine miracle of divine intervention. It cannot be explained as anything other than an act of supernatural communication from the mind of one human being to the mind of God, and then from the mind of God to the mind of another human being.

The situation unfolded like this:

On Wednesday, September 29, an Administrative Committee meeting was held at our office to assess the current financial position of LBM. The overall conclusion of the report was that our monthly outgo has been exceeding our monthly income. This is due to the fact that we have tried to maintain maximum literature output even in these troubled financial times. We are eager to put into circulation as much truth-filled literature as possible, so we are constantly pressed to the edges of our production limits. It is not

our practice to hold large amounts of money in reserve, as is often customary. We would rather put it into the work of winning souls as soon as we can.

Later that day, one of the LBM staff, Sue Gibson (a.k.a. my wife), offered a very specific prayer to the Lord. She asked God to send \$100,000 to the ministry right away. She reasoned with the Lord that this amount of money would be the minimum needed to immediately relieve our financial situation.

Leaving the matter in God's hands, we left on Thursday for California to preach at a church and then to run the San Jose Half Marathon (which, by the way, was extremely fun and painful). Then on Monday, as a direct answer to Sue's prayer, this email came from a brother:

Dear Friends,
I am so thankful for the publishing ministry that you do so faithfully! God

has given me courage and enthusiasm to send you \$100,000 today. With love.

Now then, you can call this a coincidence or a fluke or whatever you like, but I know exactly what it was. Our gracious God, who loves every soul more than we can ever fully comprehend, and who wants this powerful literature to go out to the nations by the millions, simply saw our financial situation, heard His daughter's rather bold and specific prayer, and then proceeded to impress that brother's heart with some specific instructions. And the brother did what the Lord impressed him to do.

Bottom line: God hears and answers our prayers. It's that simple, that wonderful, and that beautiful.

Lift your heart to heaven right now. Tell God. Tell Him. He is eager to hear from you.



By James Rafferty & Ty Gibson

THREEFOLD BLESSING IN ZAMBIA

CONSIDER THIS . . .

Several speakers had addressed large and attentive congregations at the camp meeting at Rome, N. Y., on first day, Sept. 12, 1875. The following night I dreamed that a young man of noble appearance came into the room where I was, immediately after I had been speaking. He said:

"You have called the attention of the people to important subjects, which, to a large number, are strange and new. To some they are intensely interesting. The laborers in word and doctrine have done what they could in presenting the truth. But unless there is a more thorough effort made to fasten these impressions upon minds, your efforts will prove nearly fruitless. Satan has many attractions ready to divert the mind; and the cares of this life and the deceitfulness of riches all combine to choke the seed of

truth sown in the heart.

"In every effort such as you are now making, much more good would result from your labors if you had appropriate reading matter ready for circulation. Tracts upon the important points of truth for the present time should be handed out freely to all who will accept them. You are to sow beside all waters."

Ellen G. White,
The Publishing Ministry, pp. 45-46

The pen, dipped in the fountain of pure truth, can send the beams of light to dark corners of the earth, which will reflect its rays back, adding new power, and giving increased light to be scattered everywhere.

Ellen G. White,
Life Sketches of Ellen G. White, p. 214

As we arrived in Lusaka, we had no way of knowing what to expect. But we were in for blessings much larger than we could imagine.

Picture the setting, Downtown. An open field with busy streets on all four sides. Traffic is moving. Drivers are honking their horns. Pedestrians are crossing the streets. On one side of the field is the city's largest Muslim mosque. On another side is the SDA Union office and main city church. At one end of the field is a 2x4 and plywood platform with a cloth canopy, bookended by two large fabric screens on either side. Simple wooden benches are arranged in rows extending back from the platform into the field. Audio speakers are positioned in various areas to transmit sound to all ears. Here it was that we preached our hearts out for sixteen nights.

By 6 p.m. each evening people were seated and eager to hear the good news. About 3000 came for the opening meeting, the crowd growing each night until finally the number swelled to more than 10,000.

Our simple, and yet extremely effective, approach was to present the love of Christ as the central theme of every message as we delved

into the book of Revelation and key end-time truths. Pastors, evangelists and church members, one after another testified that the messages were a totally new approach for them. Appropriately we had entitled the series, *New Light, New Power*, by which we meant to convey that every truth of the Bible is seen in a new light and imparts new power when viewed in the context of the cross.

One church leader said, "After this campaign we will never do evangelism the same again in Zambia." Two brothers who offer evangelistic training told us that they were in the process of writing an evangelism manual, but that now, after hearing Bible doctrines preached with the gospel as the living center, they must start over and write a new kind of manual.

"This series has been a blessing

in Zambia in three distinct ways," said elder Passmore Mulambo, the Conference president who had invited us to Zambia. "First, it has been a tremendous blessing to the community as thousands of people have attended the meetings and encountered the gospel of Jesus Christ for the first time. The 679 graduates from the Bible lessons and the 250 baptisms are a testimony to the fact that the Holy

